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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. The prior rejections of claims 1-12 were withdrawn. The Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's thoughtful consideration of the Applicants' prior response.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,900 to Anand, *et al.* (hereinafter "Anand") in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,170 to Jagadish, *et al.* (hereinafter "Jagadish").

Claims 5 and 12, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand in view of Jagadish as applied to claims 1 and 8, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,764 to Melchoine, *et al.* (hereinafter "Melchoine").

No claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Hence, claims 1-12 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application is greatly appreciated.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 1 since the office action has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Specifically, the office action has not cited a reference or references that teach all the claim limitations. Claim 1 recites a data manager arranged to "relate data maintained independently from the host site and input by a user with the user's billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report, wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site and input by the user is displayed as part of the requested report" (emphasis added). The office action correctly states that Anand does not teach this. The office action says that this teaching may be found in Jagadish. The Applicant's respectfully disagree.

Jagadish does not teach any user-input data. Jagadish mentions "customer specific data" extensively; however, "customer specific data" cannot be interpreted as "input by a user." In one location (Col 3, ll. 64-65), Jagadish mentions that the summary parameters may be "defined directly by the customer." Even this, however, does not teach that the summary

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parameters are *input* by the customer. Thus, the office action does not cite references that teach all the claim limitations.

Assuming, *arguendo*, that Jagadish does teach or suggest data input by a user (i.e., assuming Jagadish teaches that the user inputs the summary parameters, which Jagadish does not teach), Jagadish, nevertheless, does not teach that the summary parameters are "displayed as part of the requested report" as claim 1 recites. Throughout Jagadish, it is clear that the summary parameters "specify" (Col 4, ll. 1-7) or "define" (Col. 4, ll. 45; col 4, ll. 51-52) the summary information to be included in the report. The summary parameters, the only data that could remotely be considered "input by the user" is not "displayed as part of the requested report." Thus, the cited references lack a teaching of this additional claim limitation and for at least this reason, the Applicants believe claim 1 is allowable.

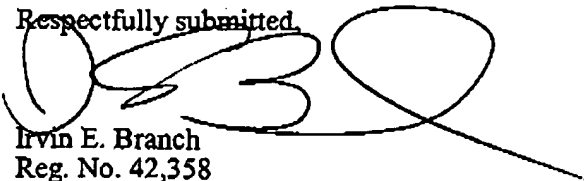
Claim 8 includes similar limitations and the Applicants believe claim 8 is allowable for similar reasons. The remaining claims depend from either of claim 1 or 8 and are believed to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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